

# Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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## Weekly wrap-up

### Governor discusses property tax relief plan

Feb. 7, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels attended chamber of commerce events in Bloomington, Santa Claus and Terre Haute this week to promote his plan to bring immediate and permanent property tax relief to Hoosiers.

On Wednesday, the Governor met with civic leaders at a luncheon sponsored by the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. The Governor expressed optimism that the Legislature could accomplish permanent property tax relief during the short session.



*Feb. 6, 2008- Gov. Daniels talks with local civic leaders at a Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce*

"If we do right by the taxpayer in the next few weeks, I believe we can set the stage for reforms, changes and progressive improvements that people have been talking about for a long time," said Daniels.

"We have to put taxpayers first in this state," said Daniels, speaking to more than 900 Terre Haute area community leaders at a breakfast on Thursday.

### Biopharmaceutical company to grow its Bloomington operations

Feb. 6, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from biopharmaceutical manufacturer Cook Pharmica to announce the company's plans to add new filling and finishing lines to its south central Indiana campus, widening the company's capabilities and creating more than 200 new jobs.

The company, which develops and manufactures pharmaceuticals for pre-clinical through commercial use, plans to invest more than \$80 million to build and equip an 80,000-square-foot addition to its production facility that will house a high-speed syringe filling line, vial filling line and two complimentary finishing lines.

"Anytime we can bring high paying jobs like the ones Cook has brought to Indiana, it's a great day. But today's announcement comes with special joy as it builds on both our strengths in manufacturing and life sciences and brings new balance and diversity to the Indiana economy," said Daniels.

Cook Pharmica, the biopharmaceutical contract manufacturing division of Cook Medical, will begin construction of the expansion in mid-2008 and plans to complete the project in early 2010. The company, which currently employs 173 associates, will hire engineers, information technology specialists, quality assurance professionals and manufacturing associates as part of the expansion.

The addition of filling and finishing capabilities will allow the growing company to participate in nearly every step of drug development from research through finished packaging, fulfilling a key niche in the contract manufacturing market.



*Feb. 6, 2008- The governor with Cook Pharmica executives and Bloomington officials at the Cook economic development announcement.*

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## AT&T adds 150 jobs in Evansville

Feb. 6, 2008— Governor Daniels and Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel joined telecommunications provider AT&T to announce the addition of 150 jobs at the company's Evansville call center.

The new employees will support AT&T's wireless business customers, bringing AT&T's total workforce in Evansville to 750.

Governor Mitch Daniels said he is glad to see jobs in fields other than manufacturing are coming to Indiana. "We are interested in every kind of job," Daniels said. "We are interested in diversifying the Indiana economy."

"We applaud Governor Daniels, Mayor Weinzapfel and all of the state and local officials for creating an ideal environment for job expansion," said George Fleetwood, president of AT&T Indiana.



Feb. 7, 2008— The governor announces the addition of 150 jobs at AT&T in Evansville.

## Steel processor to locate new facility in Brownstown

Feb. 4, 2008- Steel processor and manufacturer Indiana Steel and Tube announced it will construct a new steel processing facility in Brownstown, creating more than 100 new jobs by 2010.

The company plans to invest more than \$8 million to build and equip an 80,000 square-foot steel coil processing, manufacturing and distribution center at the intersection of U.S. 50 and Indiana Highway 135 in the southern Indiana town.



Feb. 6, 2008- Governor Daniels tours the Monastery of Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand with Sister Sylvia Gerhlhausen and Sister Kristen Harpenou.

"We're excited to bring new jobs anywhere in Indiana, but there's a special joy when a great smaller town like Brownstown is involved," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

"This facility will enable us to serve the agriculture, automotive and recreation markets," said Dill Whittymore, president of Indiana Steel and Tube. "We are moving very quickly, and I can't say enough about how supportive the Town of Brownstown and State of Indiana have been."

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## Packaging company to consolidate U.S. manufacturing operations in Terre Haute

Feb. 8, 2008- Applied Extrusion Technologies, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of plastic film packaging products, announced it is consolidating its U.S. manufacturing operations in Terre Haute, creating 60 new jobs.

The Delaware-based company is closing its Covington, Va. manufacturing facility and beginning a \$9 million project that will expand its Terre Haute facility and relocate products and an idled Virginia line to the Indiana plant.

"More and more companies are recognizing that Indiana is a great place to do business, and we're glad Applied Extrusion Technologies selected Indiana for this expansion," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

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## A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Anderson, Marion, Columbia City, Avilla and Plymouth this week.